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SUBJ: 1980-81 BUDGET: GENEVA GROUP ROME POSITION

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1. MISSION GENEVA WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE CO-CHAIRMAN OF GENEVA GROUP (ROME) ON WHAT APPEARS TO BE RAPIDLY CRYSTALIZING POSITION OF MAJOR DONORS ON NEXT FAO BIENNIAL BUDGET.

2. THERE IS ONE POINT WE WOULD LIKE TO CLARIFY. WHILE WE FIND REFTTEL CLEAR, ANOTHER GENEVA MISSION HAS CONTACTED US TO HELP ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM ITS ROME MISSION ABOUT THE METHOD OF CALCULATION. APPARENTLY THERE IS SOME CONFUSION AS TO WHETHER THE CALCULATION WOULD BE (A) 2 PERCENT OF \$210 MILLION FOR AN INCREASE OF \$4 MILLION, (B) 2 PERCENT PLUS 2 PERCENT OF \$210 FOR AN INCREASE OF OVER \$8 MILLION, OR (C) SOMETHING IN-BETWEEN. THE 2 PERCENT NET REAL PERCENTAGE GROWTH
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DIRECTLY IS NOT APPLIED TO THE BASE OF \$210 MILLION WHICH IS, OF COURSE, A BIENNIAL FIGURE. TO COMPARE THE \$210 MILLION TO AN ANNUAL INCREASE, IT WOULD HAVE TO BE ADJUSTED TO AN ANNUAL FIGURE. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT FAO DIVIDES BY TWO ITS BIENNIAL BUDGET TO PRODUCE AN ANNUAL FIGURE. THUS IT WOULD BE 2 PERCENT OF \$105 MILLION FOR THE FIRST YEAR OF THE 1980-81

BIENNIUM OR \$107.1 MILLION AND 2 PERCENT OF THAT FOR THE
SECOND YEAR OR \$109.2 MILLION. THE TOTAL BIENNIAL
BUDGET FOR 1980-81 WOULD THEN BE ABOUT \$216.3 MILLION.

3. THE QUESTIONS MAY RELATE TO THE FACT THAT WHO IS
STILL ON AN ANNUAL BUDGET, NOT HAVING ITS FIRST BIENNIAL
BUDGET UNTIL 1980-81. VANDEN HEUVEL

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